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1. THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE JUNE MEETING IN MALTA. PS INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY RUI MATEUS TOLD EMBOFF APR 28 THAT PS REGARDS THE MEETING AS A LIBYAN-FINANCED PROPAGANDA EXERCISE. TO UNDERSCORE THE POINT, MATEUS QUICKLY REVIEWED THE PROPOSED AGENDA -- FORWARDED WITH THE INVITATION TO THE PS. AGENDA IS IDENTICAL TO THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTED IN PARA FOUR OF REF A. THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS, MATEUS NOTED, HAD ATTENDED THE BARCELONA MEETING AS OBSERVERS. BUT THE PS DELEGATION HAD STRICT ORDERS "NOT TO OPEN ITS MOUTH." MATEUS VOLUNTEERED, THAT TIERNO GALVAN OF THE SPANISH PSP MIGHT WELL ATTEND THE MALTA MEETING SINCE HE RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM LIBYA.

2. COMMENT: MATEUS'S REMARKS ABOUT TIERNO GALVAN COULD, IN PART AT LEAST, REFLECT THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST'S PIQUE AT TIERNO GALVAN FOR THE FAILURE OF PORTUGUESE-SPONSORED EFFORTS AT RAPPROACHMENT BETWEEN THE PSOE AND THE PSP. CARLUCCI

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